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SUBJ: 61ST ECOSOC - ITEM 18 - INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

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1. THE ORIGINAL NORWEGIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD, ON WHICH THE DEPT ALREADY COMMENTED (REFTEL) HAS UNDERGONE AN UNFORTUNATE TRANSFORMATION AT THE HANDS OF THE G-77 AND EASTERN EUROPEANS. THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION AS TABLED FOLLOWS AS PARA4 OF THIS CABLE. ALTHOUGH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PUBLISHED TEN DAYS AGO, THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION ADVISED ALL INTERESTED DELEGATIONS THAT THEY WERE ENGAGED IN FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS TEXT AND WOULD PUBLISH A REVISED VERSION ELIMINATING PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH TWO, THREE AND SEVEN AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH THREE (B) AND (C). NORWEGIANS SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED CO-SPONSORS AND OTHER DELEGATIONS THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT AND WERE WITHDRAWING THEIR RESOLUTION. AT THE SAME TIME NORWEGIANS INDICATED THEY WOULD SEEK A SIMPLE DRAFT DECISION FROM THE CHAIRMAN IN PLACE OF THE RESOLUTION.

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2. AT JULY 30 SESSION OF ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN

SUGGESTED THE DRAFT DECISION WHICH FOLLOWS AS PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS CABLE. THIS TOO RAN INTO HEAVY WEATHER AND FAILED TO BE ADOPTED DUE TO PROPOSED MEXICAN AMENDMENT WHICH RECOMMENDS THAT GA SHOULD QUOTE BEAR IN MIND IN THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD, THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION THAT IT WILL HAVE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER UNQUOTE.

3. THIS ITEM WILL COME UP FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 2. ALTHOUGH NORWEGIANS THOUGHT THEY HAD WITHDRAWN THEIR RESOLUTION, THEY DID NOT TAKE NECESSARY PROCEDURAL STEPS TO DO SO, AND THE RESOLUTION IS STILL BEFORE THE COUNCIL. USDEL THEREFORE REQUESTS DEPT COMMENTS ON THIS TEXT FOR CONTINGENCY IN EVENT WE ARE REQUIRED TO NEGOTIATE OR VOTE ON THIS TEXT. USDEL HAS ALREADY INDICATED SUPPORT FOR CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT DECISION, MINUS THE MEXICAN AMENDMENT. USDEL ALSO NOTED THERE WAS NO PRECEDENT FOR PRACTICE OF SUBMITTING AMENDMENTS FROM THE FLOOR TO DRAFT DECISIONS FROM THE CHAIRMAN WHICH PRESUMABLY REPRESENT COMPROMISE SOLUTION AGREED BY CONSENSUS. USDEL ASSUMES FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WILL CENTER ON CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT DECISION AND FAIRLY GOOD POSSIBILITY EXISTS TO DEFEAT MEXICAN AMENDMENT, WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AN ENDORSED G-77 POSITION. DEPT COMMENT REQUESTED.

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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION WITHIN  
THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, COLOMBIA, CONGO, EGYPT, MEXICO,  
NORWAY, TUNISIA AND YUGOSLAVIA:  
DRAFT RESOLUTION  
THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL  
HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ENTITLED  
"MEASURES AND MODALITIES TO ENSURE THE ADEQUATE PREPARATION,  
SUPPORT AND FINANCING OF AN INTERNATIONAL  
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YEAR OF THE CHILD" (E/5844) PREPARED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION 3406 (XXX) OF 28 NOVEMBER 1975 AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1962 (LIX) OF 30 JULY, 1975,

BEARING IN MIND THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD CANNOT BE  
ISOLATED FROM THE BROADER FRAMEWORK OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
THAT IN THAT FRAMEWORK, AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD COULD  
EFFECTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL  
ECONOMIC ORDER,

BELIEVING THAT THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN OF THE POORER SECTIONS

OF THE POPULATION, CHILDREN OF THE UNEMPLOYED, CHILDREN OF MIGRANT WORKERS AND OTHERS IN LIKE CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD,

NOTING THAT MOST MEMBERS HAVE AGREED THAT AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD FOR ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD WOULD BE USEFUL AND DESIRABLE, PROVIDED THAT IT WAS ASSURED OF ADEQUATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT,

CONSIDERING THAT AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD COULD MOST APPROPRIATELY BE ARRANGED IN 1979, THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, AND THAT THE YEAR SHOULD BE PROCLAIMED AT THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ORDER TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR PREPARATIONS,

BELIEVING THAT THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND INTERESTED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT PART IN AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD AND THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S

FUND SHOULD BE THE LEAD AGENCY IN PREPARING AND IMPLEMENTING THE YEAR,

TAKING NOTE OF THE SUGGESTION THAT THE SLOGAN FOR THE YEAR MIGHT BY: "NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN A CHILD",

1. EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR HIS USEFUL REPORT AND TO THE ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND INTERESTED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO ITS PREPARATION;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION A FURTHER REPORT, INCLUDING REVISED ESTIMATES OF COSTS AND STAFFING REQUIREMENTS, IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL;

3. RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD:  
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(A) PROCLAIM 1979 AS THE "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD", PROVIDED THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS FINANCING HAVE BEEN ENSURED;

(B) REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PREPARE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE EXISTING BUDGET AND IN CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS AND COMPONENT AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AS WELL AS OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND REGIONS OF THE WORLD AND ON MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD;

(C) ASK THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT THAT REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL;

(D) CALL UPON ALL APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD, INCLUDING INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

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AND DESIGNATE THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AS THE LEAD  
AGENCY FOR THIS PURPOSE;

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4. BELIEVES THAT ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE FURTHER FORMULATION OF THE OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES OF AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD AT SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

5. URGES INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS IN A POSITION TO DO SO, AS WELL AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, TO MAKE VOLUNTARY PLEDGES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD, AND TO ANNOUNCE THEM BEFORE OR AT THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. END TEXT

5. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

1. RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD:

(A) PROCLAIM 1979 AS THE "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD", PROVIDED THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ENSURE ITS FINANCING;

(B) CALL UPON ALL THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD;

(C) DESIGNATE THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AS THE LEAD  
AGENCY FOR THIS PURPOSE,

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2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION A BRIEF REPORT, INCLUDING  
REVISED ESTIMATES OF COSTS, IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS  
AT THE SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL;  
3. URGES GOVERNMENTS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDI-  
VIDUALS TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
YEAR OF THE CHILD;  
4. RECOMMENDS THAT THESE CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED  
DURING THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.  
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